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A report containing information on the following

- (1) Voivodship Military Command (WKW) in Krakow, which lists regional military commands under WKW Krakow and describes the functions of the Secret Bureau.
- (2) 12th Corps and 6th Division in Krakow.
- (3) Other military and paramilitary units in Krakow.
- (4) Military installations outside of Krakow.
- (5) Conscription procedures.
- (6) officers affiliated with the above installations or units. 25X1
- (7) A sketch of military installations in Krakow.

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1. The Voivodship Military Command (Wojewodzka Komenda Wojskowa - WKW), located at 1 Szopena Street, Krakow, is directly subordinate to the Fifth Department (Organization and Mobilization) of Military District No. 1 in Warsaw. In 1956 the Krakow command had a complement of 33 men, including 25 officers, three regular noncommissioned officers, and five civilian employees. Three noncommissioned officers and 30 privates of the KBW (Internal Security Corps) were also attached to the command on a 24-hour basis.

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2. The command is responsible for the regional military commands (WKR) within its jurisdiction, maintaining records for reserve officers and engineering experts, the assignment of recruits to units in accordance with the orders of the Military District Command, and the supervision of defense plants.
3. The T/O of the command includes the following:
- a. The commanding officer, a lieutenant colonel
 - b. An operations officer (zastepca dla spra linjowych), a major, who is in charge of the intelligence officer, a second lieutenant, and a special section, consisting of one captain and two lieutenants, which deals with the supervision of the KBW and WOP (Frontier Forces) units, as well as defense plants, in the voivodship.
 - c. A deputy commander for political affairs, a major, who supervises both Party and ZMP (Union of Polish Youth).
Abolished in late 1956 activities
 - d. A major in charge of the secret and general bureaus, which maintain one file on officers and military specialists and another on military personnel within the area
 - e. A major in charge of Section 1, which deals with reserve manpower at the private-noncommissioned officer level
 - f. A major in charge of Section 2, which is concerned with drafting for compulsory military service

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- g. A major in charge of Section 3, which deals with reserve officers
 - h. A lieutenant, who is the ordnance officer
4. Regional military commands in the following locations are under the Krakow WKW:
- a. WKR Krakow City I (WKR Krakow Stare Miasto I), located at 10 Koletok Street
 - b. WKR Krakow Zwierzyniec II, at 1 Plac Wolny Ludow
 - c. WKR Krakow Grzegorzki III, at 111 Aleja Slowackiego
 - d. WKR for the Krakow District which is on Straszewskiego Street
 - e. WKR Nowa Huta, which is located in the Osiedle housing development A-8
 - f. WKR Chrzanow (N 50-08, E 19-24), which is situated on the market place
 - g. WKR Szczakowa (N 50-14, E 19-17), which also encompasses the town of Trzebinia (N 50-10, E 19-29)
 - h. WKR Nowy Sacz (N 49-38, E 20-43), at 2 Stalina Street
 - i. WKR Debica (N 50-03, E 21-25)
 - j. WKR in Krasnik (N 50-25, E 21-15) on Slowackiego Street
 - k. WKR Krosno (N 49-41, E 21-47)
 - l. WKR Saslo (sic, probably Jaslo N 49-45, E 21-28)

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- m. WKR Miecnow (sic, probably Miechow N 50-22, E 20-22)
- n. WKR Olkusz (N 50-17, E 19-34), which includes Zakopane
(N 49-18, E 19-58)
- o. WKR Krynica (N 49-24, E 20-58)
- p. WKR Sanok (N 49-34, E 22-12)
- q. WKR Wadowice (N 49-53, E 19-29) on Marksa Engelsa Street

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The 12th Corps and 6th Division in Krakow

9. The headquarters of the 12th Corps and of the 6th Division are collocated at the end of Warnyskiego (formerly Gertrudy) Street, Krakow. The 12th Corps, in addition to the 6th Division, consists of two divisions which are independent of WKW Krakow, and are located at Wadowice (No. 12) and Krosno (No. 9). The 6th Division consists of the following reinforced infantry regiments:
- a. The 14th Reinforced Infantry Regiment, FPN 1034, in Tarnow (N 50-01, E 20-59)
 - b. The 16th Reinforced Infantry Regiment, FPN 1597, in Krakow-Bronowice
 - c. The 18th Reinforced Infantry Regiment in Wadowice (N 49-53, E 19-29)
10. Quartermaster unit (JW) 2525 which is stationed at the end of 18-ego Stycznia (formerly Wybickiego) Street, Krakow, supplies all troops within the voivodship. It is subordinate to the voivodship quartermaster branch.

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Other Military or Paramilitary Units in Krakow

11. An air force regiment is located ⁱⁿ the Rakowice section of Krakow. An infantry battalion for guard duties is also located in the town.
12. A WOP training center for personnel and dogs is located on Wojeodzka Street, which is behind Rondo Square, at the end of Mogilska Street, Krakow. Officially known as the WOP Military Unit, its secret name is the Central WOP Training Installation (Centralny Osrodek Szkolenia WOP).
13. A KBW brigade is stationed in the Biglany Przegorzaby quarter of Krakow, which is also the location of ration stores.
14. A small training area (poligon), which is used principally by signal units, is located about five kilometers south of Krakow, in the Myslowice suburb.
15. In 1955 work was launched on a radar installation (osrodek radarowy) in the Mogila suburb of Krakow, near the entrance to Nowa Huta. Access to the site is based upon possession of a special pass.
16. A Katyusha-16 rocket launcher unit is stationed in the Bronowice-Azory section of Krakow. Only politically reliable officers with the rank of lieutenant and above serve in this unit, which is directly subordinate to the Warsaw Military District Command.

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Military Installations Outside Krakow

17. A training area for land forces is located about 30 kilometers northeast of Debka (sic) and 14 kilometers southwest of Mielec (N 50-17, E 21-25). Three or four divisions, normally including the 6th, 9th and 12th, are trained there between May and September.³
18. Emergency weapons and ammunition stores are located underground in Sosnowka, about 18 kilometers east of Mielec. The area, 12 to 15 square kilometers in extent, is restricted to military personnel, Soviet tracked vehicles designated 22 (?) and Ya (?) -13, as well as Czech vehicles, are stored there. The area above ground is forested, and is used for military training.
19. A summer training area for the aforementioned 14th, 16th and 18th Infantry Regiments is located eight kilometers east of Krosno and 18 kilometers northwest of Sanok.
20. A training area for infantry and armored units, including the independent components of the 6th and 12th Divisions and sniper units, is located in a wooded area about two kilometers east of Sandomierz (N 50-41, E 21-45).
21. During the winter months when the training areas are not in use they are guarded by KBW units with dogs, and are equipped with trip-wire installations. In Sosnowka, ^{where} there are 11 alarm points, two explosions in 1952 destroyed two warehouses containing vehicles and lubricants. The perpetrators of the act

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were not apprehended.

training

22. Two adjacent/areas in Lupkow Stary and Lupkow Nowy, the last towns before the Soviet border, are used only during the winter for joint maneuvers of troops not under the authority of WKW Krakow. Stores for the troops, mostly for bridging equipment, are located along the railroad track in Komancza (N 49-20, E 22-04), while armored railroad cars are stored in a nearby wooded area. The stores are camouflaged as residences.

Conscription Procedures

23. Polish youths twenty years of age are registered and undergo medical examinations in March-April or October-November of each year, and are called up within six months to a year. However, draftees for the navy, KBW and WOP are also registered in March-April, but are assigned immediately. Recruits are notified about where to report about three weeks in advance. The draft book of regular draftees is withdrawn when they report to their units.
24. Following are the terms of service in Polish military branches:
- a. Field units: two years
 - b. Air force: three years
 - c. Navy: four years
 - d. KBW and WOP: 27 months
 - e. Labor and mine battalions: 18 months⁴

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Personalities

25. The following persons are known:⁵

a. Major Bojczuk (fnu)

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b. Major Henryk Dmuchowski

c. Colonel Michal Falk,

d. Lieutenant Jozef Glowaty (or Gowaty)

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e. Captain Edward Gruchala,

f. Major Zbigniew Grzywa

g. Captain Jasiowka (fnu)

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h. Lt. Colonel Jaworski (fnu)

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i. Lieutenant Boleslaw Kalita

j. Colonel Roman Korcluk,

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k. Captain Stanislaw Kowalski

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l. Lt. Colonel Krol (fnu)

m. Second Lieutenant Machowski (fnu)

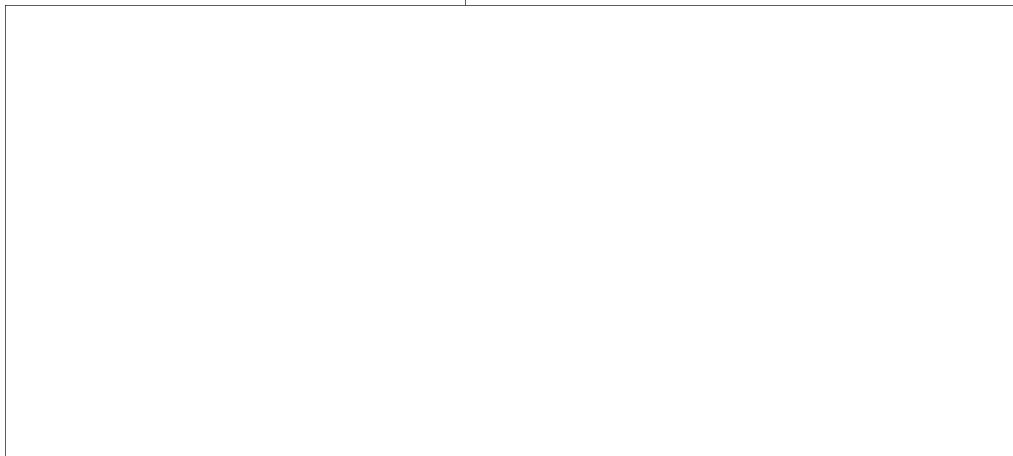
n. Lieutenant Stanislaw Matuszyk

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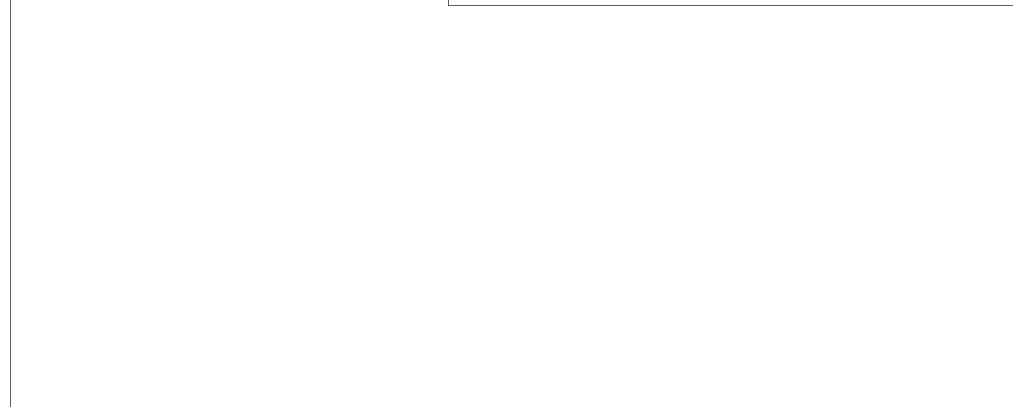
o. Lt. Colonel Stanislaw Nogala



p. Major Jan Nowyryta



q. Lieutenant Zygmund Orlowski



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r. Captain Stanislaw Ostrowski

s. Major Jozef Petlicki,

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t. Major Straser (fnu)

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u. Colonel Strycewski (or Stryczewski) (fnu)

v. Major Zychowski (originally Zych) (fnu)

Comments:

1. It is believed that "K" designates operational material, since all incoming correspondence was so classified during the events of October 1956.

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2. Orders relating to cartographic revisions are designated "A".
3. The 6th Division, along with its counterparts, holds four to five-day exercises annually. Brigade exercises, of similar duration, take place three or four times a year.
4. Generally, criminal and politically unreliable elements are assigned to the labor battalions.

5. Comment: Some of the ranks are not consonant with the officers' positions, especially in paragraphs "j", "l", and "u".

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Legend to Sketch

1. An armored brigade, which is stationed in the Pradnik Czerwony quarter and is equipped with T-34 and T-54 tanks. Tank repair shops are also on the site.
2. A cattle farm, which supplies meat to military units in the area, is located in the Piaskiwicki quarter next to the Woladuchacha quarter, on the road to Swoszowice.
3. Wheat and other supply stores for the army are located on Romanowicza Street, near Dabrowskiego Street, Krakow. About 30 one-story warehouses are located there, most of which are made of bricks, while some are plastered. There is one three-story building for the storage of grain. A railroad spur leads to the warehouses.
4. An independent sniper battalion (samodzielny batalion strzelcow wyborowych) is stationed on Rakowicka Street, near the arms and ammunition stores. (See Item No. 19 below.)
5. Headquarters of the Quartermaster Branch of Krakow voivodship, as well as its food stores.
6. A school for police officers, near the Kopiec Krakusa hill.
7. Military gas station, which have been located since about 1954 in the street previously named 29 Listopada (present name unknown).
8. Headquarters of the 6th Division on Warynskiego (formerly Gertrudy) Street.
9. A KBW guards battalion on Stradomska Street, which occupies the prewar building of the Corps Headquarters.
10. An intelligence unit of the 6th Division, on Wroclawska Street.
11. A military railroad station, a point of departure for training exercises. The station has underground stores, which are connected by a passage with a nearby military camp.

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12. The 16th Brigade, which is stationed in barracks on Wojskowa Street. (It was known as a reinforced brigade until a year ago, when its name was changed to parachute brigade.) A passage leads from these barracks to the aforementioned stores in the military railroad station.
13. Voivodship Military Headquarters at 1 Szopana Street.
14. An infantry guards battalion, which is stationed in barracks on Rajska Street.
15. Transport Brigade 6321, which is stationed in about 20 barracks on Krupnica Street and Al Mickiewicza.
16. Officers' quarters, consisting of about some 40 buildings of 15 apartments each, on Rydla Street.
17. The broken line indicates a recently constructed connection between 18ego Stycznia (formerly Wybickiego) Street, with Bronowicka Street.
18. A KBW brigade, which is stationed in 15 one-story barracks in the Wola Justowska quarter.
19. An arms and ammunition depot, on Rakowicka Street.

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